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Occupied Germany:

In the following Appendices "A", "B", and "C" are summaries of cases and deaths by Regierungsbezirk and Land, and case rates by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the week ended 19 October 1946. Summarized in Appendix "D" is a report of Animal Diseases by Regierungsbezirk and Land for the half month period 16—30 September 1946 (Veterinary reports are submitted semi-monthly).

Communicable Diseases:

After four consecutive weeks without any typhus fever one case was reported in Kreis Wetzlar, Regierungsbezirk Wiesbaden. Diphtheria and tuberculosis continue to increase slightly and measles increased by 43 cases over the previous week. Only four cases of malaria were reported, the lowest number reported since the first week in March. Gonorrhea has decreased for the past three weeks with a decrease of approximately 300 cases during the past week. Syphilis has also decreased by approximately 200 cases. Both diseases have shown a decrease in all three Laender and Bremen but have increased in the US Sector Berlin.

Medical Supplies:

In the US Sector Berlin there is an acute shortage of linens for hospitals. There is also a critical shortage of cedar oil (needed for dark-field microscopic examinations of syphilis), agar-agar for bacteriological work, iodine, castor oil, cocoa butter, boric acid, and soap, all of which with the exception of soap, are not obtainable in Germany and will have to be imported. Penicillin supplies are almost exhausted in all areas and unless additional supplies are received in the near future treatment of gonorrhea with this drug will have to be discontinued.

Hospitalization:

On 30 September there were approximately 12 beds per 1000 population with an 83% occupancy in Land Greater Hesse. There is still a critical need for hospital beds in the Land. In Land Wuerttemberg-Baden the Landesversehrtenkrankenhaus, Goepingen, was turned over to civilian agencies last March at which time it contained 3982 beds. To date 2180 beds have been given to the Oberbuergermeister of Goepingen and are being used for refugees. Plans are now underway to return these beds to hospital use.

Animal Diseases:

The program of eradicating dourine and glanders from the US Zone is progressing favorably. During the month of September over 21,000 horses were tested for glanders making a total of 151,000 animals tested since the initial outbreak in the fall of 1945. There was no unusual incidence of animal diseases reported during this period. The most prevalent diseases were swine erysipelas, fowl plague, and scabies of horses. No new cases of foot and mouth disease have been reported since the 18th of August.

APPENDIX "A"

Communicable Disease Report United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 19 October 1946

Regierungs- bezirk	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE c: Cases d: Deaths																										
			Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles	
TOTAL US Zone	17,331,208	c	1	—	—	—	—	—	1070	218	798	122	589	9	23	2249	854	105	53	20	—	3	28	3468	—	4	4	41	324
		p	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	1	131	15	3	3	3	—	1	8	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Unterfranken	965,437	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	62	8	38	5	26	—	—	77	49	2	4	2	—	—	2	260	—	1	—	—	1
		p	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,237,075	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	132	30	89	6	91	2	—	244	104	38	2	6	—	—	—	628	—	—	—	—	33
		p	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	15	3	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,949,579	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	61	11	45	24	49	1	4	161	68	19	1	—	—	—	—	629	—	—	—	—	—
		p	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	11	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Schwaben	1,148,811	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	79	11	90	11	31	—	—	131	42	2	—	—	—	2	—	166	—	—	—	—	10
		p	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	9	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Oberbayern	2,264,923	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	138	23	183	9	47	1	1	414	115	10	29	1	—	—	—	373	—	1	—	—	142
		p	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	—	18	2	1	1	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kassel	1,189,950	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	54	29	21	14	75	—	—	91	37	3	—	—	—	—	1	284	—	—	—	—	36
		p	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wiesbaden	1,504,781	c	1	—	—	—	—	—	78	20	36	6	62	—	5	343	128	3	5	1	—	—	—	58	—	1	1	1	5
		p	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	1	17	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hessen	1,213,884	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	67	5	83	4	47	1	1	97	41	1	1	—	—	—	17	190	—	—	—	22	81
		p	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Baden	1,313,112	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	85	19	61	9	51	—	3	148	56	13	8	—	—	—	—	476	—	1	—	—	—
		p	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wuerttemberg	2,098,214	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	135	32	56	10	96	2	3	167	55	6	3	—	—	1	—	129	—	—	—	—	16
		p	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	12	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bremen Enclave	484,431	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	77	4	21	7	14	—	3	115	43	—	—	—	—	—	8	275	—	—	1	18	—
		p	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Berlin (US Sector)	961,011	c	—	—	—	—	—	—	102	26	75	17	—	2	1	261	116	8	—	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
		p	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	28	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

+ No data submitted.

APPENDIX "B" Communicable Disease Report (by Land) United States Zone of Germany for Week Ending 19 October 1946

Land	Popu- lation	Cases, Deaths	Reported Number of New CASES and DEATHS of COMMUNICABLE DISEASE																							c: Cases	d: Deaths	
			Typhus Fever	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung and larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic			Malaria
Bavaria	8,565,825	c	—	—	—	—	—	472	83	445	55	244	4	6	1027	378	71	36	9	—	2	2	2056	—	2	—	—	186
Greater Hesse	3,908,615	c	1	—	—	—	—	199	54	140	24	184	1	7	531	206	7	6	1	—	—	18	532	—	1	1	23	122
Württemberg Baden	3,411,326	c	—	—	—	—	—	220	51	117	19	147	2	6	315	111	19	11	—	—	1	—	605	—	1	—	—	16
Bremen Enclave	484,431	c	—	—	—	—	—	77	4	21	7	14	—	3	115	43	—	—	—	—	—	8	275	—	—	1	18	—
Berlin (US Sector)	961,011	c	—	—	—	—	—	102	26	75	17	+	2	1	261	116	8	—	10	—	—	—	+	+	—	2	+	—
Total US Zone	17,331,208	c	1	—	—	—	—	1070	218	798	112	589	9	23	2249	854	105	53	20	—	3	28	3468	—	4	4	41	324

Case Rate Expressed as per 10,000 Population per Annum

Bavaria	8,565,825	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.65	5.04	27.01	3.34	14.81	.24	.36	62.34	22.94	4.31	2.18	.55	—	.12	.12	124.80	—	.12	—	—	11.29
Greater Hesse	3,908,615	.13	—	—	—	—	—	26.47	7.18	18.62	3.19	24.47	.13	.93	70.62	27.40	.93	.80	.13	—	—	2.39	70.76	—	.13	.13	3.06	16.23
Württemberg-Baden	3,411,326	—	—	—	—	—	—	33.53	7.77	17.83	2.90	22.40	.30	.91	48.01	16.92	2.90	1.58	—	—	.15	—	92.20	—	.15	—	—	2.44
Bremen Enclave	484,431	—	—	—	—	—	—	82.65	4.29	22.54	7.51	15.03	—	3.22	123.44	46.16	—	—	—	—	—	8.59	295.18	—	—	1.07	19.32	—
Berlin (US Sector)	961,011	—	—	—	—	—	—	55.19	14.07	40.58	9.20	+	1.08	.54	141.23	62.77	4.33	—	5.41	—	—	—	+	—	—	1.08	+	+
Total US Zone	17,331,208	.03	—	—	—	—	—	23.10	6.54	23.94	3.66	17.67	.27	.69	67.47	25.62	3.15	1.59	.60	—	.09	.84	104.04	—	.12	.12	1.23	9.72

+ No data submitted

APPENDIX "C"

Communicable Disease Rates United States Zone of Germany
for Week Ending 19 October 1946

Regierungs- Bezirk	Popu- lation	Typhus Fever louse borne	Relapsing Fever	Smallpox	Cholera	Plague	Anthrax	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis lung & larynx	Tuberculosis other	Whooping Cough	Meningitis meningococcus	Poliomyltitis	Gonorrhea	Syphilis	Typhoid Fever	Paratyphoid	Dysentery infectious	Bact. Food Poisoning	Undulant Fever	Infectious Jaundice	Scabies	Rabies	Encephalitis epidemic	Malaria	Influenza	Measles
Total US Zone	17,331,208	.03	—	—	—	—	—	32.10	6.54	23.94	3.66	17.67	.27	.69	67.47	25.62	3.15	1.59	0.60	—	.09	.84	104.04	—	.12	.12	1.23	9.72
Unterfranken	965,437	—	—	—	—	—	—	33.39	4.31	20.47	2.69	14.00	—	—	41.47	26.39	1.08	2.15	1.08	—	—	1.08	140.04	—	.54	—	—	.54
Ober- and Mittelfranken	2,237,075	—	—	—	—	—	—	30.68	6.97	20.68	1.39	21.15	.46	—	56.71	24.17	8.83	.46	1.39	—	—	—	145.95	—	—	—	—	7.67
Niederbayern and Oberpfalz	1,949,579	—	—	—	—	—	—	16.27	2.93	12.00	6.40	13.07	.27	1.07	42.94	18.14	5.07	.27	—	—	—	—	167.75	—	—	—	—	—
Schwaben	1,148,811	—	—	—	—	—	—	35.75	4.98	40.73	4.98	14.03	—	.45	59.29	19.01	.90	—	—	—	.90	—	75.13	—	—	—	—	4.53
Oberbayern	2,264,923	—	—	—	—	—	—	31.68	5.28	42.02	2.07	10.79	.23	.23	95.05	26.40	2.30	6.66	.23	—	—	—	85.64	—	.23	—	—	32.60
Kassel	1,189,950	—	—	—	—	—	—	23.60	12.67	9.18	6.12	32.77	—	.44	39.77	16.17	1.31	—	—	—	—	.44	124.11	—	—	—	—	15.73
Wiesbaden	1,504,781	.35	—	—	—	—	—	26.96	6.91	12.44	2.07	21.43	—	1.73	118.54	44.24	1.04	1.73	.35	—	—	—	20.04	—	.35	.35	1.73	—
Hessen	1,213,884	—	—	—	—	—	—	28.70	2.14	35.56	1.71	20.13	.43	.43	41.55	17.56	.43	.43	—	—	—	7.28	81.40	—	—	—	9.42	34.70
Baden	1,313,112	—	—	—	—	—	—	33.66	7.52	24.16	3.56	20.20	—	1.19	58.61	22.18	5.15	3.17	—	—	—	—	188.50	—	.40	—	—	—
Württemberg	2,098,214	—	—	—	—	—	—	33.45	7.93	13.88	2.48	23.79	.50	.74	41.38	13.63	1.49	.74	—	.25	—	—	31.97	—	—	—	—	3.96
Bremen Enclave	484,431	—	—	—	—	—	—	82.65	4.29	22.54	7.51	15.03	—	3.22	123.44	46.16	—	—	—	—	—	8.59	295.18	—	—	1.07	19.32	—
Berlin (US Sector)	961,011	—	—	—	—	—	—	55.19	14.07	40.58	9.20	+	1.08	.54	141.23	62.77	4.33	—	—	—	—	—	+	—	—	1.08	+	+

+ No data submitted. (Rates Expressed as per 10,000 per Annum)

APPENDIX "D" Incidence of Communicable Animal Diseases in United States Zone of Germany for period 16-30 Sept. 1946

Figures are numbers of farms newly infected during the period

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Regierungsbezirk	Anthrax	Blackleg	Cholera of pigs	Cholera of fowl	Colial vesicular exanthema of cattle	Contagious pleuropneumonia of cattle	Dourine of horses	Encephalomyelitis of pigs	Encephalomyelitis of horses	Erysipelas of pigs	Foot-and-mouth disease	Glanders	Infectious abortion of cattle	Infectious abortion of sheep	Infectious anemia of horses	Malignant edema of cattle	Plague of fowls	Pox of sheep	Rabies	Scabies of cattle	Scabies of horses	Scabies of sheep	Strangles of horses	Trichomoniasis of cattle	Tuberculosis of cattle	
			1	36			26	1		958	109		16		5		114	1			21	4			5	8
			9				3		1	793	48		9		8		151			1	45	24			1	4
		2	15				3		4	772			26		18		212			1	44	16			1	4
			12				2	3	1	687		1	5		12		230				32	5			1	1
LAND BAVARIA			2				1	3		385		1	3		8		230				28	3			1	
Mainfranken										72										1						
Ober- & Mittelfranken										101		1			2					1	1					
Nied.-Bayern & Oberpfalz	2						1	2		98					3		94				19	2				
Schwaben										55			1		2		11			1				1		
Oberbayern								1		59			2		1		125				6					
LAND GREATER HESSE			9							202			2		1						2					
Kassel			9							73			1		1											
Wiesbaden										48			1													
Hessen										81											2					
LAND WUERTEMBERG-BADEN			1				1		1	100					3							2				1
Baden							1		1	13					1										1	
Wuerttemberg			1							87					2							2				
BREMEN ENCLAVE																					2					
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